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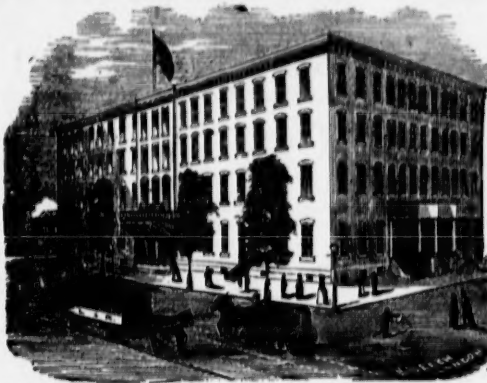


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Reading matter of a miscellaneous nature, is, however, liberally supplied, that may be perused with interest and advantage. Quips and Quirks give zest to the solid matter, as sauces do to meats, but there is a fund of information in the advertisements that may be seriously considered with profit.

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Jephson—I was, but the new curate is taking special interest in my wife's salvation, so I'm not going.

AT A STANDSTILL.

Brace—You know dreams run by contraries. I dreamed last night that I paid you my bill in full.

Tailor—That's funny; I dreamed that you didn't.

GEORGIA REAL ESTATE.

Investor—But you told me there was a natural spring on this land.

Real Estate Agent—And so there is, but you must go slow; the revenue detectives are on to it.—Atlanta Constitution.

WHY HE GOT THE FLUTE.

Wool—How do you like your new flat?

Van Pelt—All right, except that the man across the hall is learning to play the flute.

Wool—You ought to get an accordion.

Van Pelt—I did; that's why he got the flute.

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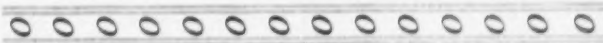
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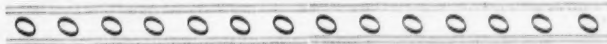
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Anatole DeRocheferrier	Mr. Charles Charters
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SCENE—A Sitting Room in Mons. Mercier's House.



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Mary—Yes, sir.

Mr. J. —Well, I wish you would ask Mrs.
J. where she put them, as I cannot find them.

Mary—Mrs. J. has just gone out bicycling,
sir.

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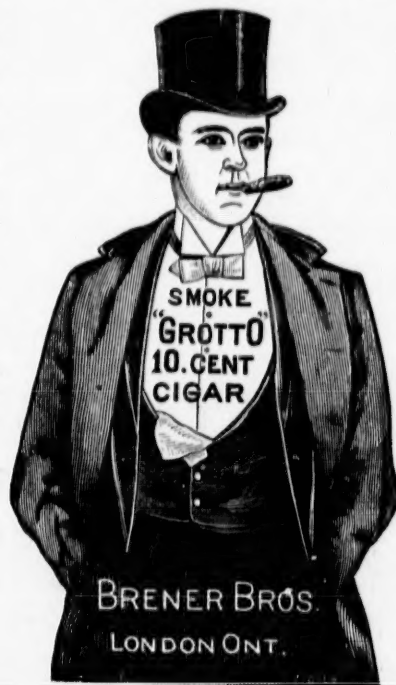
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BEHIND THE SCENES.

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Miss Sharples, an authoress.....	Miss Florence Wood
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Miss Neal, an actress.....	Miss Fanchon Campbell
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And flirted with another man
Who sat across the aisle.

—New York Press.

Flossie—Mamma, tan I have a new dollie?
Mamma—No! Your doll is just as good
as new.

Flossie—Well I'se dest as dood as new, but
Dod dave 'oo another little dirl.

TOMMY'S BREAK.

(From Puck.)

I got fired from Sunday-school
Week before last. I don't care!
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SYNOPSIS OF SCENES.

ACT I.—The Home of Achille Dufard.

ACT II.—The Stage of the Theatre Royal.

ACT III.—Behind the Scenes at the Theatre.

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That he will soon inclose.

He dreams about the turkey big
And eke the hot mince pie,
And other things that will within
His little stomach lie.

But when beneath his little vest
Those goodly things have sped
And he bids Pa and Ma good-night
And trundles off to bed,

Oh, what a difference there will be,
And likewise what a row;
For then he'll have some other dreams
He does not dream of now.

Do not judge a man by the clothes he wears. God made one and the tailor the other. Do not judge him by his family, for Cain belonged to a good family.

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